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> STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed prior to the mailing date of a first office action on the merits in this Application. No fee or certification is required.

Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

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The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application:

Remarks

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

- 1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
- 2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
- 3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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Several reverences have been provided that are not in the English language. The relevance of these reference is shown in the figures. Applicant had obtained translations for several of these references during the prosecution of other patent applications. The available translations have been provided. Thus, the fact that a translation has been provided does not in any way indicate that that reference was found to be more relevant than any other reference.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith for filing is/are the following document(s):

[X] Information Disclosure Statement

[X] PTO Form 1449 With Cited References

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If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617)720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

A check in the amount of \$0 is enclosed to cover the filing fee. If the fee is insufficient, the balance may be charged to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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